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THE U. F. A AND THE U. F. W. A. INVADE OUR HALLS !

The informal reception tendered the delegates in attendance at the Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta by the University of Alberta last Tuesday evening was a most successful affair from every standpoint. About eight hundred of the visitors to the Convention took advantage of the opportunity to inspect their educational institution, and to see just what the University stood for and what it had to offer their children. The Edmonton Street Railway co-operated by giving the delegates a free ride to and from the reception.

On the platform were Chancellor Stuart, President Tory, Hon. Chas. Stewart, Minister of Public works, H. A. Craig, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mrs Walter Parlby, President of the United Farm Women of Alberta, H. W. Wood, President of the U. F. A., Dr. Dyde and Dr. Riddell. Dean Howes presided.

The addresses were short and very much to the point, and there was a noticeable absence of overlapping. The Chancellor and President welcomed the visitors and Mrs. Parlby and Mr Wood replied. Special notice should be given to the short address given by President Tory. It was in effect an announcement of policy as to service to be rendered by the College of Agriculture in the University to the farmers of Alberta. Field Husbandry experiments, seed testing soil and fodder analyses and plant investigation, were some of the fields into which the University proposes to enter at once for purposes of investigation and consequent service to the farmers of the province. Mrs Parlby made a strong impression in her plea for higher ideals in connection with forming and farm life. She took occasion to pay tribute to the service being rendered by the University to the most remote districts through its Department of Extension. Hon. Mr. Stewart and Deputy Minister Craig also expressed strong sympathy with the efforts of the University and offered their hearty co-operation and help. President Wood outlined in his masterly way his conception of the new phase of rural life upon which we are now entering. Miss Pilkie and Mr. Stone sang several solos, which were heartily appreciated by the audience. The Imperial orchestra furnished music during the intervals.

After the formal programme refreshments were served and mention should be made of this part of the function for it is no easy task to serve coffee, sandwiches and cake to over eight hundred people. The celerity with which the serving was accomplished evidenced careful preparation on the part of Miss Russell and her staff. Much credit is due the forty students who volunteered to serve for the efficient way in they carried out their part.

After lunch the delegates visited the laboratories, where experiments, exhibits and demonstrations were prepared. An hour was given to the inspection of the work of the University.

The reception must prove an outstanding landmark in the history of the University. To have several hundred representative farmers meet here in a social way to learn what the institution means to the province cannot but result in better understanding and an increase in mutual sympathy between people and institution, for sympathy can only come with understanding. It is felt that the University must mean much more to these friends after this visit. It was a distinct pleasure for the members of the staff of the University to have the opportunity of meeting the visiting delegates and it is to be hoped the reception is only the first of a succession of similar functions.

WHAT IS THE ONE THING ALBERTA NEEDS MOST TO-DAY?

The Gateway has planned a symposium in answer to this question and hopes to present short articles contributed by men prominent in public life of the province. This week we present an article by:

HON. A. C. RUTHERFORD, L.L.D., K.C.

DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SERVICE FOR ALBERTA

What is the one thing that the Province of Alberta needs most today?

Peace between the nations that are now at war. I believe, however, that before terms for peace can be seriously entertained by the Allies, Germany must be prepared to accede to our terms—must be willing to give complete restitution, full reparation and effectual guarantees.

The British Empire cannot afford to terminate the war until her ideals are attained.

The Allies today are in a much better position to win complete victory in the terrible war in which they are engaged, than at any previous time.

In the meantime it is the duty of all Albertans and all Canadians to do their utmost to assist in bringing the war to a successful conclusion.

We must be prepared to sacrifice more than we have heretofore.

(Signed) A. C. Rutherford

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ROBERTSON COLLEGE

Last week we received a very newsy and graphic letter from Pte. W. S. Turner, 11th A.M.C. His present address, as he gives it, is "Hotel de la Sawbones", Somewhere in France. The situation of the "hotel" is commanding, and the attractions of the district are numerous and varied, as we may suppose from the selection he gives us—"Shell - swept Promenade", "Whizz-bang" solos, "Fritz's 9-2 band", etc, etc.

The Robertson boys who left with the 12th A.M.C. are now scattered among various units though they all seem to be within hailing distance. Willie is keeping well and has, so far come through without a scratch. His latest photograph shows him to be as plump as ever.

The life of the Red Cross man is not a "primrose path" or a "bed of roses". He has often to share the same dangers as the soldiers; as the following extract will show. A party had gone out during the night to bring in the wounded.

Turners account of how he spent Christmas day was of interest to us. He was off duty that day and he, with three others, was invited by one of the Captains to come back from the line into the nearest town for Christmas dinner. He availed himself of the hospitality thus kindly offered, and had a

right royal time. Among the good things provided was some champagne but, to quote Willie's own words, "Alack a day! those strong Presbyterian principles bred within me forbade me touch the stuff". Of course! that is just what we should expect. Whoever heard of a self-respecting, true blue Presbyterian drink such weak wishy-washy stuff as that?

He continues: "It was with mingled feelings that I wended my way back up the trench-mats that afternoon. I thought on past Christmases but this was the strangest of all. There was a beautiful sunset and I regarded it as a good omen for the future. All that day both sides had been very quiet, but when darkness fell, our guns barked angrily and made up for the short time lost.

Tonight, I am sitting at the table in our dug-out. The other lads are sleeping. Outside the darkness is intense. The noises from the front line seem only a few yards away. As I listen I can hear the heavy explosion of trench mortars—deadly things; the sharp crackling of machine gun fire; and the occasional report of a rifle. What is most striking however is the death-like silence which at times surrounds everything. This is consecrated ground for I have been told, thousands of brave fellows have fallen around this part."

EXCHANGE

McGill C.O.T.C. are being issued with fur caps such as overseas units wear for their winter training.

Yale University now give students credit for military work because of the growing importance of the military situation throughout the civilized world.

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The Trail.

Notes from a Chiel.

From the results of the Christmas Tests in Bacteriology in which the "Aggies" beat the "Meds" both in highest mark obtained and on the average, it

looks as though it would do no harm if the "Meds" were infected by a few more Hay Bacilli.

Byron B—begs to inform Mr. P.—lson that the middle of a basketball game is not the time to administer corporal punishment; it prevents a player from sitting down comfortably and resting after the game.

Some queer tales are going the round of the Halls, as a result of discoveries made by the students who were demonstrating in the Laboratories on the night the University entertained the United Farmers.

We understand that one Toronto graduate in chemistry insisted upon shaking hand with Mr. S—l after hearing him describe a nitrogen determination.

Another farmer— afterwards found to be a graduate in Geology from Cambridge—politely corrected a lapsus linguae of McL—n's.

We did hear that Mr. K— also made a discovery of his own and managed to give an entirely new point of view to a Toronto M. A. Such incidents and a few questions—gave a little excitement to the demonstrators, but ment to the demonstrators but all agreed with Clarence that "a very pleasant time was had."

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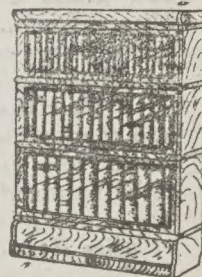
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Life in this department has taken on a more roseate hue of late and we still have hopes. Since last going to press our basket ball warriors have annexed two victories and are in a good position to cap the gonfalon in both halves. On Saturday evening they overwhelmed A. C. on the stamping grounds of the latter and on Wednesday they invaded the V. H. S. gym. and downed those doughty braves by 38-21 which score is equivalent to about 60-0 over here. The only new man to appear was Paulson who played a noble game in both these encounters and who is a distinct acquisition.

The hockey club have got into no more grief since our last but are up against a doubtful proposition when they meet Vermilion Aggies on Friday night. All we can say is "here's hoping".

The Rifle Club have developed some very excellent impers as shown by recent scores. On looking over the results we were impressed by a 32 in straight work by Sinclair and 24 in rapid fire by Vango. The number of 31s displayed would lead one to believe that most of the members had at least one of these to their credit. An eight-man team representing the club met a team from the 19th Dragoons at Connaught armories last week and were defeated 717-666 after a very good match. This was an invaluable experience to our representatives and they look forward to a return match when a different result is expected.

GATEWAIL AN EXPLANATION.

Having got but meagre results from our dealings with the "masked Poet" we have, as exclusively announced in this colyum, severed our connection with that underdone rhymester and entered into an agreement with a much superior, though perhaps less known, lyricist. This is none other than Adenord Annie whose productions are no doubt already familiar to our Olds, Didsbury and Innisfail readers. A brief biographical sketch might be of interest to the reading public in general.. This gifted lady spent her life until her eighteenth year on the Sarcee Reserve where her father was a prominent consumer of

white dogs and firewater. Even at an early age she showed unmistakeably in what direction her talents lay by composing that charming trifle "Will Spear-mint Keep Its' Flavor on the Bed-Post Over Night?" On the occasion of her 18th birth day she was presented by numerous admirers, among whom the present writer is proud to have been numbered, with a purse of gold sufficiently large to enable her to complete her education. After much thought she chose the Olds School of Agriculture as the institution best fitted to supply her needs and spent two happy years in those beautiful Gothic halls which, with their velvety lawns and ancient elms present a picture of almost idyllic beauty.. She absorbed much of the culture and polish of this venerable school and its charm is reflected in all her writings. Since her graduation this talented songstress has been employed by one of our best known export liquor houses where she may be seen every day, taking orders for gee and double you, square face and other medicinal preparations and dispensing the same with that gracious and genial hospitality which has ever characterised her. Among other selections which have appeared from her pen lately is that lonely fragment "Give him the axe, the axe, the axe." From this date her work will appear exclusively in this colyum and we would admire ordering your copies in advance. Her first effort on our behalf is based on a well-known historical incident and is presented under the title, "Curses".

"CURSES"

As I was coming home from (deleted by censor) just the other nights I met in the hall a studious youth with a thirty tungsten light. The hour was late as I was and he should have been in bed so when I asked the reason for his roaming around, he said: "Langford rough-houses Foster and Foster rough-houses me and Ham beats up Kirkpatrick every evening you see."

And Snider sits on McKinney who yells for the chief of police so I wait and steal their light-globes while they're sleeping and dreaming of peace.

For Munro "taps" Gaetz almost nightly while Archie and Stew pull hair.

And the third-floor guys

throw water on the first and ground-floor stair.

And Patterson hammers Cooper for grinning about his niece but I wait and steal their light-globes while they're sleeping and dreaming of peace."

I wished to depart but the youth said: "No let me finish my gladsome tale."

So I waited and heard all the details of a plan that couldn't fail.

I laughed full long with the artless youth and when I had grasped the point.

He let me go to my slumbers and I found they'd wrecked the joint.

For Langford had joined in
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EDITORIALS.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR 196th O. B.

Recently a call came to the University from Militia Headquarters, authorising the raising of a draft here of one officer and fifty men to reinforce the 196th, as per plan originally laid down when the formation of the Western Universities Battalion was authorised about a year ago. Four officers of the C.O.T.C. offered, Capt. Killam, Adj., Lieut. Burt and Lieut. Sheldon. The Military Committee have announced their decision, that the offer of Capt. Killam to go as Lieut. in charge of the draft has been accepted.

Captain Alexander in making the announcement to the men of the C.O.T.C. said that he regretted the opportunity had not come to him to lead the draft but he was sure Lieut. Killam would have a loyal following of students who were anxious to serve their country.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

LATIN 31

Any student attending University and not taking Latin 31 does not know what a real course is like. The main feature of this class is its doubleness. To begin with the nature of the class demands that it should have two Profs.

The class meets at two extremes of the day either at 8 a.m. or 4 p.m.

It has two Miss Williams a worthy element and some wooden ware—a couple of Canes.

It once had two Joneses but after one dropped the affinity apparently was too great and alas we have lost our other one—Richard Coeur de Lion.

The predominant tints of class are Black, White and Brown—all ladies.

The animal kingdom is well represented by a Heffer, Wolf, and Fish.

The contest for greatest number of lates is still going on between the various students liv-

ing at the A. C. Hillerud seems to be in the lead. The prize offered has not yet been announced.

The attendance varies inversely as the drop in temperature and the number of lates very often almost exceeds the total enrollment of the class.

This class is without a doubt the backbone of the University.

S—M B—Y—N—R ... at east end rink...

Say, have you met the girl with the Comehithery look.

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A SIDELIGHT ON CONDITION IN SWEDEN PART II.

Sympathies of the People National Policy of Neutrality.

I know there are many who wish to know how the sympathies are in Sweden with respect to the war, and this I believe is a hard question to answer. However, the people adhering to the conservative party are mostly pro German, while the liberals and socialists are mostly pro Ally. Many are neither but see dangers and advantages on both sides.

In my travels I tried to estimate the possible percentages favoring one or the other side, and arrived at 60% as possibly pro German. I was told however that this estimate was too high since I had passed through districts which were mostly conservative, and that 40% was about the right figure; the balance being mostly pro Ally.

Then calculating from another point of view I came to the conclusion that at least 98% of the whole people, whether pro Ally or pro German in sympathy, were decidedly in favor of absolute neutrality. The general opinion prevailed that Sweden was too small a country to count in the present war. The other 2% thought the time may soon come when Sweden will have to take one part or the other, and a few of these considered to my amusement, that Sweden held the balance of power since they were now better prepared than ever and thus whatever side they took would surely win the war.

Once I tried to find an answer to the question: Why are there so many German sympathisers in Sweden? While there may be many underlying causes, the following are to the best of my judgment the principal one:—
First.—Fear of Russia.

Second.—The Boer war.

Third.—The publication propaganda carried on in Sweden by Germany.

The first needs no explanation. In the case of the Boer war, the whole people most thoroughly disapproved of the reduction of the Boer States, and have since looked upon Great Britain with less confidence than before. The conquest of South Africa was looked upon as contrary to Britain's professed policy of democracy and liberty of nations. The third is very striking. Every book store I visited in Sweden had a complete stock of German books on the war, while the allied side was scantily or not at all represented. One dodge appeared particularly striking but clumsy and that was an attempt by a German writer to write from the allied

point of view and at the same time misconstruing every fact he possibly could. At a later date I learned that a socialist member in the German Reichstag was asking whereto the two millions had gone which were set aside for publication purposes in foreign countries, and one can easily draw the conclusions.

There is no ill feeling whatsoever toward Great Britain. Instead Britain is praised for her ideal colonial governments, and her comparative humane method of warfare is admitted. Everybody in Sweden feels sorry for France as she clearly did not want the war. The opinion is most divided on Russia although it is admitted that Russia has harmed Sweden the least of any great power in the present war. Yet it is feared in some quarters that if Germany is reduced, Sweden could not hold Russia back from her own door, if that country wanted to continue the former policy of aggression toward the Atlantic. (See Peter the Great's testament to the Russian people.) Russia allied with the victors: who will then object?—is the question raised. The whole situation may then largely hinge on the views the allies will take. In this connection it is often remarked, much to the relief and comfort of the Swedish people, that the Allies have exercised a moderating influence on Russia since the date of the Entente. On the other hand it is frankly admitted that an allied victory would most certainly open greater economic possibilities to Sweden than would a German victory. This circumstance arises out of the fact that the market products of Sweden are essentially the same as those of Germany.

The people in general demand of their government that the country remain neutral throughout the war, and the government has done its best in this difficult task. When the war started, agents from both sides offered great inducements to Sweden if she would make arms and ammunition. Though this would have been permissible under International Law, yet Sweden foresaw a danger of herself being involved which she could not afford to risk. The same point was involved in the transit traffic to Russia, and Sweden had to refrain from allowing munitions and arms to go through. Many other difficulties have arisen and while Sweden protests, she is willing to bear with a great deal before breaking friendship, but considers it necessary to protest in order to have a recourse afterwards. Sweden wishes to be left alone during the war and feels it necessary to refuse all dictating from outside. The case

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CORRESPONDENCE

We invite students to submit communications on subjects of timely interest, but we assume no responsibility for sentiments expressed under this head. Name must be signed to all letters not necessarily for publication. Be brief.

Editor Gateway:

Please thank the students and friends for the kindly expression of their thought of me at Xmas in shape of Xmas box of candies, nuts, etc., they were greatly appreciated by more than myself, also for sending the "Gateway" which is very much appreciated. We have six U. of A. boys here. I enclose an article on one of the phases of the discussion invited by the "Gateway". Sincerely yours, A. G. LEA.

ADVANTAGES THE A.M.C. OFFERS

To the man who wishes to get quickly to the seat of war, the Army Medical Corps offers the best possible facilities. After an average of about two months training, the recruit finds himself en route for England.

Men are badly needed for the work, and are rushed through. The course is ordinarily for two years, with a supplementary special course. The training is a good foundation for an intending medical student; by it he gets a great chance to work practice and theory together, and facility in handling different cases, suppositions here, and real "over there".

No work being done for the purpose of the war, will be so generally useful as this, after the war. A man with a good knowledge of First Aid, is a more useful man personally, as well as nationally. There is no sphere of life in which the knowledge may not be useful and very often it may be vital. The work covers the whole range from the easing of pain to the saving of life.

The personal efficiency is even wider than special usefulness. Work is often done under great pressure, sometimes under depression, sometimes under excitement, and often under great danger. Men learn to do the right thing quickly, to decide at once between the important and the less important. Quick decision and reliance are strengthened.

Members of the Field Ambulance who have returned agree that they see a more connected and a wider view of the war than is generally possible save to those in the higher command. In England there is often a chance to go into the Field Ambulance or to take up hospital work or some other branch for which one shows special aptitude.

The range and depth of the

A.M.C. Course are both greater than is generally supposed. The course includes Anatomy; Physiology; Principles of Surgery; Hygiene; Ward Management; Action of drugs and poisons; Sanitation; Disease Prevention; Nursing; Infectious Diseases, and all that underlies inoculation and protection; and many other subjects. It will be seen that it is a great education and it should prove attractive to any intelligent man who wishes to increase his efficiency and be of more use to his fellows.

Y. M. C. A.

On Sunday January 2nd Mr. Wood, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, gave the address at the Sunday Service. Mr. Wood spoke on Christian Civilization—whether there was a Christian Civilization on the earth now, and what form it would take in the future. He pictured the time when the worship of Mammon would be replaced by the worship of higher ideals. The bitter cold of the morning kept away many of our friends from the city, but a good audience, almost nine-tenths students, assembled to hear Mr. Wood.

The Bible study groups are meeting regularly each week. We are glad to notice that more of the senior men are turning out to Dr. Dyde's class. Very few of the men grudge the hour spent on Wednesday evening in Room 139.

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of Belgium they consider most pitiful and that of Greece humiliating. Hence they keep mobilized and hope to be able to ward off all possible attempts to occupy their territory.

In conclusion I may say that I do not look for any intervention whatsoever by Sweden in the present war. Sweden had her desire for conquests cooled off more than two hundred years ago when she lost the Baltic provinces to Russia, and Finland at a later date.

To the great satisfaction of all in Sweden, Norway and Denmark, there has been something done towards bringing these countries together in a commercial union and league of defence. Thus, the words of the late King Oscar II which he uttered when he was thought to be too lenient during the crisis between Sweden and Norway in 1905, "Future history will prove whether I have acted wisely or not," have already come true.

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with Foster and a thorough job they did.

And the feet of Ham and Kirkpatrick were plain on my Sunday lid. Snider had helped McKinney drape tooth-paste over my gown.

While my curtains tied to the steam-pipe were toasted a delicate brown and Munro had bathed his comrade in my bottle of olive oil I didn't mind these little things for fun I wouldn't spoil. But the guy whose blood I long for and will, without sur-
cease.—

Is he who stole my globe when I was sleeping and dreaming of peace.

Snickel: Why is our hockey team like Edmonton's greatest mine product?

Fritz: Because it belongs in the cellar.

I thank you.

CLARENCE

NOTICE.

For the present, the University Barber Shop, will be open three days a week Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Remember the days.

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MEDICAL DROPLETS

The contributor to last weeks Medical Droplets called attention to the high standing obtained by 3rd year students in Pharmacology we would like to say that with a few exceptions, the class has not been prepared for Pharmacology by the usual course in Materia Medica during the 2nd year.

This is a matter which needs rectifying at once but then what's the use of complaining anyway. Every other faculty is not even begun before they have a Dean, but Medicine is a minor course and does not count much so it would seem because, we can and have endured without this necessary organization.

Honestly we would enjoy a visit from the Carnegie Foundation which would at least confirm our suspicions regarding our standing among the medical schools of Canada. There is no doubt that the relation of the U. of A. to the City hospitals from a clinical viewpoint can be improved. We surely need to have the way for a proper relationship for the classes of the future. There is no need for the clamor of battle in Europe to drown the voice of necessity in this particular sphere.

New appointments

M. A. R. Y. has been appointed chief turnkey for magic lantern.

Do you know that . . .

It is a sluppy day when V—ng does not ask a wise (or other wise) question.

Marks are poor when S-c-t does not make 99.9%.

F-c-y will study (plug) Sun-days to gain acceleration.

F-ly has learnt the physiological effects of nicotine on nerve cells and is seriously thinking of purchasing a new corn-cob, the old one being supersaturated.

Bm-sh, has had his dissecting coat washed—a serious expenditure financially but results are good.

Miss C-r-tn has been appointed house surgeon at a municipal hospital which will be build when money is not so-scarce.

B-tz-n. will in the future get his hair cut every 6 months, whether needed or not.

McL. thinks that bayonet drill is a good preliminary to surgery.

M-l-r. has managed to beat the clock for 3 consecutive mornings.

Mrs A. has decided to join the Quakers.

HAPPENED IN ROOM 202.

B-m-sh: Doctor, I do not see

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the point in filling this thing to do so in the book.
with water and hanging it up Dr. R½: I'd like to see that
to dry. book.
Dr. R—I'd like to see that B—ls—m (after reading
for April first. book) Oh! sir, it says fill with
McL—d: But doctor, it says air.



Lieut. P. B. McNally (Med. '18) 50th Bn. Can. B.E.F. Sergt. F. J. Batson (Sci. '16) 202nd O.B. C.E.F.

SERVICE NEWS LETTER

from

SOLDIERS' COMFORT CLUB

No. 43 Jan. 24th

Edited by W. Muir Edwards.

Letters this week are from Pte. J. S. Doze (Dec. 21st); Lieut. W. M. Fife (Jan. 1st); Corp. G. A. Baker (Dec. 4); Sergt. J. D. O. Mothersill (Jan. 14th); Corp. E. Heywood (Jan. 20); Sapper S. R. Laycock (Jan. 13); Corp. A. J. Cook (Jan. 4); Corp. S. McKean (Dec. 29); Pte. G. Robinson (Jan. 7). I also am glad to acknowledge photo from Corp. Heywood. A field post card from Roy A. Walton dated Jan. 2nd arrived this week, stating that he had been wounded and admitted to hospital. Walton is in No. 4 Co. of the P.P.C.L.I. and I expect we will have a letter with further particulars in a week or so. J. S. Doze is now with the base company of the 49th Bn. "Somewhere in France" and expects to get up to the front line in the near future. He writes in part: "I am the only U. of A. boy that has left the 194th yet but the others will follow soon. Francis Dickens who left Sarcee last fall with a draft of officers is now attached to the 194th. When I was in London on furlough I saw Barney Lopton who was back on Xmas leave. Barney, I believe, expects to be with us before long. I am at the base and expect to be kept here for some time as we need the training they have in store for us. All the instructors are men that have come from down the line so it is practical. I believe Charlie Reilly is at Hastings convalescent camp. I intended seeing him before coming over but was unable to do so. There are a lot of the P.P.C.L.I. boys here but I do not know any of them. We have had the opportunity of seeing some of the Kaiser's picked men, the "Prussian

Guards" who are prisoners of war in the prison here. They are certainly a big bunch of huskies but our boys knew how to handle them. When a person lands in France he is practically a recruit as the ceremonial stuff we had in Canada is of little use over here. As soon as I am fit I hope to get up the line to see the bunch I know up there."

Fife speaks of having seen J. W. Lewis who is transferring to the 196th also James who was just able to get out of hospital. Lieuts. MacKenzie and Shaw are instructing in musketry in the battalion. Latest news is that Miller was next in draft for France and that the 196th has been finally broken up and with the 222nd Bn. been made the 19th Reserve Bn. under the new adjustment of C.E.F. units in England and are a reinforcing unit for the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Battalions at the front (the 46th and 1st C.M.R.) The 19th Reserve Bn. are thus about 1600 strong with 70 officers and form a part of the 3rd Reserve Brigade which is composed of about 6 other large reserve battalions. About 400 of the men of the old 196th are now cadets. Practically all of the U. of A. men are taking lectures and drill at the O.T.C. the intention seems to be that later they are to be allowed to go to the Military School at Crowborough for a course and if they qualify will be sent to the front with commissions. Robinson reports that at present the Crowborough School appeared full of officers and returned soldiers and so it might be some few weeks before all the men had the opportunity of entering. S. Wood is with the 54th Bn. in France, being one of a draft of 6 officers who went over shortly after the 196th Bn. arrived in England. I heard that he has been acting as 2nd in Command of a company up in the front line of the trenches.

Corp. G. A. Baker writes from the P.P.C.L.I. base at Seaford expressing his appreciation of the Xmas box. Sergt. J. D. O. Mothersill of the 72nd (Queens) Battery is back again at the Battery and is at present taking the R. S. A. course for Lieutenants. He is as usual quite enthusiastic over the artillery and seems to think that is the unit in which a university man is most useful if required to go in the ranks. Corp. Heywood of the B.C. Bantams reports that they have now been made a construction Bn. and expect to go over in the early part of February. The 218th (Irish Guards) of Edmonton were also made a construction unit last week, so expect to recruit up to strength very shortly and get away as a unit in the near future. E. R. Hoover has recovered from his wound, and is again in training to return to France. His present address is Pte. E. R. Hoover No. 487501 P.P.C.L.I.; E. Division D. Company C.T.D. Army Post Office, London.

I ran across the following the other day: "American Visitor to wounded Tommy: "Where did you get wounded?" Wounded Tommy: "At the Battle of the Somme." A. V.: "Somme fight, eh!" W. T.: "Yes. Some don't."

Corp. G. B. McKean writes in from the 14th Bn. in France. I regret that his News Letters have gone astray but they have been forwarded regularly to his address. "The rank of corporal is a souvenir of the Somme, two stripes I picked up there. I expect you have had many highly descriptive accounts of the Somme fighting. All I will say is that I was there and now I am not there. I will also add that I am quite happy to be away from it for a while. I don't know what happened to Jimmy Lang. He passed me in the very beginning of the attack and I did not see him again. I shouted out a greeting to him and he answered with a smile. I enquired for him immediately after our battalion got back into billets but could get no news of him. If he is wounded you will no doubt hear about it, if not he is missing, and it is fairly safe to assume, killed. I hope not for he was a fine boy and full of grit and determination. After leaving the Somme I was slightly wounded in the forehead while out on patrol (I am scout corporal). We exploded a mine

on our front and following the 'strafe', I along with 6 others went out from our side of the mine crater with the intention of ascertaining what the Germans were doing on their side of it. While out there we met a strong German raiding party coming from their lines; we waited for them and bombed them. They made a feeble retaliation with bombs and rifle fire and then beat a hasty and somewhat ungraceful retreat back into their own trenches. I got a little crack on the head with a piece of bomb but did not notice it until I got back into our trench. I was only away from the battalion for 3 weeks. While on the Somme just before leaving, I met Percy Young and spent several hours with him. The other day when coming back to billets from the trenches I passed the 11th F. A. and recognised several of the boys. The parcel from the U. of A. was most welcome and very much appreciated. I want to congratulate the anonymous 'lady poets' for their inspired and very appropriate verses!"

The Registrar's office is in receipt of a communication from Sergt. L. C. M. Cockburn (Sci. '16) who was here in 12-13 and 13-14 asking for word of some of the Science men of those days. Sergt. Cockburn is in the M. G. Sect. of the 182nd. O.B. C.E.F. of Oshawa Ont.

EXCHANGE

Wellesley:

Students at Wellesley College are about to reform. The number of social events which they are expected to attend during the college year has so multiplied, that the student body has determined to make a drastic cut on the social schedule. A limited number of events are being arranged with a view to meeting actual needs. The fair sex has taken a noble stand in this respect. The average timetable of the average students is always overburdened. From exchanges to hand we learn that Canadian Universities and Colleges are being compelled to eliminate many of the usual college events. In all probability some of them are being eliminated for ever.